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**IDWR Approves Minimum Stream Flow Right
For Billingsley Creek Reaches**

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State water rights managers have given preliminary approval to a pair of water right applications that would set minimum stream flow levels on Billingsley Creek in Gooding County, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said today.

The Idaho Water Resource Board had filed the applications in the 1990s. The minimum stream flows cover approximately 3.5 miles of Billingsley Creek and are designed to provide wildlife habitat, fish passage, rearing and spawning habitat and for aesthetic and recreation purposes. The rights will be junior to all vested water rights, permits or applications with an older priority date.

No one opposed the applications during a public hearing held September 17 in Hagerman. A copy of the preliminary order approving the applications is available on the IDWR Internet web site at: **www.idwr.state.id.us/info/pio/orders.htm**.

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